

**1 You use there:**

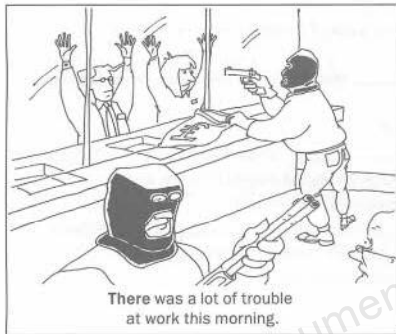
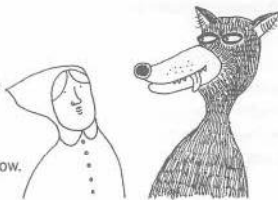
**When you want to say that something exists:**

Once upon a time **there** was a little girl called Red Riding Hood.  
In the forest **there** was a wicked wolf.

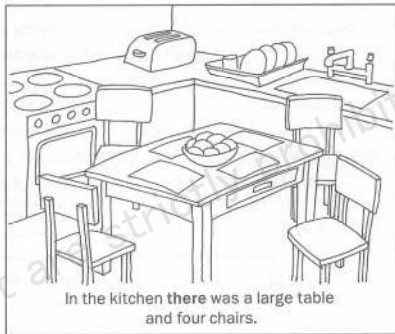
**When you want to talk about a happening:**

**There** was a party last week. **There's** a football match tomorrow.

**When you want to talk about a number or amount:**



**There** was a lot of trouble  
at work this morning.



In the kitchen **there** was a large table  
and four chairs.

**2 When the noun which comes after there is singular, you use is or was:**

**There** is a book on the table. **There** was an extra English class yesterday.

**You use singular with two nouns joined by and if the first noun is singular:**

**There** was a man and two women. **There** was a table and some chairs in the room.

**When the noun which comes after it is plural you use are or were:**

**There** were three beds in the room. **There** were two big beds and a little bed.

**3 If you want to make a question you put there after is; was; were:**

**Is there** anyone at home? **Were there** many people at the meeting?

**Are there** some oranges left? **Wasn't there** a good film on TV tonight?

or before **be** or **been**:

Will **there be** enough time? Could **there be** anyone there?

Has **there been** anyone here? Will **there be** any children there?

**4 Common expressions with there:**

**There** are a few ...

**There's/are** no ...

**There's** plenty to eat.

**There** are a lot of ...

**Is/are** there any...?

**There's** nowhere to go.

**There** isn't/wasn't any ...

**Was/were** there any...?

**There** aren't/weren't any ...

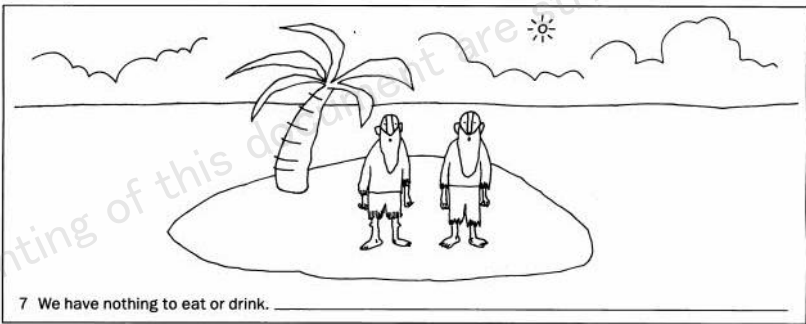
**There's** nothing to do.

**A** Answer these questions using *there*:

- 1 How many people are there in your class? There \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 How many people are there in the room? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Are there any pictures on the walls? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Is there anything on your desk? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 How many people are there in your family? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 How many small beds and how many big beds were there in the room? \_\_\_\_\_

**B** Rewrite these sentences to begin with *there*:

- 1 We have an English class every day. There's an English class every day. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 A meeting will be held at three o'clock. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 An accident happened this morning. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 A lot of people came to the concert. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Three books lay on the desk. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Lots of children will be at the party. \_\_\_\_\_



- 8 Three people waited in the shop. \_\_\_\_\_

**C** Complete the dialogue using expressions with *there*:

there was nobody at home    there's a good film    Is there anything good  
I don't think there'll be anything    There wasn't anything

- A: \_\_\_\_\_ B: No, \_\_\_\_\_  
on TV tonight?                                      very interesting.
- A: Do you think \_\_\_\_\_ B: I don't know. \_\_\_\_\_  
on at the cinema?                                      \_\_\_\_\_ last week.
- A: Shall we go round and see Joe and Pamela? B: Let's telephone first. Last time we went  
\_\_\_\_\_